

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 QUITO 08946 281338Z  
ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03  
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 DHA-02  
IO-13 AID-05 /087 W  
-----281339Z 010021 /53

R 281259Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY QUITO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2642

UNCLAS QUITO 8946

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, EC  
SUBJECT: GOE GRANTS AMNESTY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A) QUITO 8382 B) QUITO 8872

1. THE MEMBERS OF THE GOE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT SIGNED A DECREE ON DEC. 24 GIVING AMNESTY TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ECUADOR. THE DECREE AFFECTS 28 PEOPLE ARRESTED AT A NOV. 27 "CLANDESTINE" POLITICAL MEETING (REF A), AND IT ALSO FREES DR. JOSE VICENTE ORTUNO AND DR. LEOPOLDO CORDERO GODOY, LEADERS FO CARLOS JULIO AROSEMENA'S PARTIDO NACIONALISTA REVOLUCIONARIO. ALL THOSE AFFECTED HAVE BEEN RELEASED, AND THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM WILL BE DROPPED. THE AMNESTY DOES NOT APPLY TO GEN. RAUL GONZALEZ ALVEAR, EXILED LEADER OF THE ABORTIVE SEPT. 1, 1975 COUP.

2. THE TEXT OF THE DECREE STATED THAT THE MOVE WAS TAKEN BECAUSE "IT IS NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE AN ATMOSPHERE OF HARMONY AND CONCORD AMONG ECUADOREANS." THE MOVE WAS REQUESTED BY GEN. RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ PALACIOS, COORDINATOR OF THE JURIDICAL COMMITTEES RECENTLY ESTABLISHED TO PLAN THE RETURN OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CIVILIANS (REF B).  
BLOOMFIELD

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** AMNESTY, CIVIL DISORDERS, ARRESTS, PARTY MEETINGS, POLITICAL PRISONERS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 28 DEC 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976QUITO08946  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760473-1146  
**From:** QUITO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19761210/aaaaahzq.tel  
**Line Count:** 47  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 1  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 QUITO 8382, 77 QUITO 8872  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** vogelfj  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <09 JUN 2004 by chengls>; APPROVED <23 DEC 2004 by vogelfj>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GOE GRANTS AMNESTY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS  
**TAGS:** PINT, EC, NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION, (ORTUNO, JOSE VICENTE), (CORDERO GODOY, LEOPOLDO)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006